

THE CONGRESSIONAL POT BOILS

What the Congressional "Dead Ones" Are Doing to Keep on the Job.

From Alex Fleming's Magazine. Everything considered, politics in Missouri are as tame as a mid-week prayer meeting in "the old home town." Every one of the Missouri Congressmen except Mr. Hensley, is out after the nomination for another term, and they and their satellites are all yelping in chorus, "These are critical times," "we are facing a crisis," "the tried, trained and experienced men," "don't swap horses in the middle of a stream," and a whole lot more such hogwash and tommyrot.

With a few exceptions our delegation is made up of small potatoes, and the sooner we swap ten or a dozen of them the better. Every Missouri county has from 100 to 500 better equipped men—men as loyal and true in every essential. No use naming these third or fourth rate accidents. Borland, Alexander, Clark, Rucker, for the Democrats, are unsurpassed in the State. The sooner the rest are retired the better—and we couldn't do worse if we tried.

Of the Seventh I have spoken previously. However, we hear above the rumble, "Don't swap horses," and so forth. It's no "hoss trade," it's a cypher for three nines—nothing for a real article. Spratt, in the Fourth, has a hard fight, but it's up to St. Joe to have a live-wire Congressman or continue along with a country village attorney. Booh-er is a good fellow, but satellite-office-holders are working the hoss-trade-crisis game for all it is worth—using no other argument. In the Third district Judge Divelbiss has a hard fight. Alexander is about our best man, having brain and character, and seems to be running on his record. I note the absence of the hoss-trade-crisis hogwash over there. Both of the candidates are Real Men. It appears to be "Had it long enough" vs. "My Record in Congress."

One W. L. Nelson, of Columbia, is on the track against Shackelford in the Eighth, and the postmasters are doing the hoss-trade act. Nelson, I do not know, but the papers say he is some man. Shackelford, never more than a fourth-rate country lawyer, and always a small round peg in a big square hole, has shriveled with age as the hole has grown larger. For, oh, twenty years "Old Shack" as they call him, has been a Missouri joke. I can only remark, speaking of the Eighth, with the old maid's prayer, "O, dear Lord, give me anything, so it is a man." Nelson, much or little, couldn't be more useless. Nobody attempts to diagnose St. Louis, they do act, select to suit themselves. With lots of big men on top, the politicians tip the barrel over and grab the runts and warts to elect to Congress and other offices. St. Louis, with hundreds of Big Men, hasn't had one in Congress in thirty years—no one expects anything from that city except cheap politi-

ans and ward workers. Thus far, Republicans have not made their debut—hard work, expensive and a hopeless task. When Republicans had the postmasters and other federal officers to work and finance the enterprise, Republican candidates were numerous, but alas, those halcyon days are nit, and postmasters are now busy whooping up the hoss-trade-crisis fever.

William E. Spratt, Democratic candidate for Congress in the Fourth, has printed a neat little booklet, "The Platte Purchase—a territory where romance flourished and history was made with speed. A rich land peopled with fine men and women." He sends me a copy which I find pleasure in reading. It is bright, readable and worth while. By the way, I have always had the impression that "my boy" Billy Spratt was a Caldwell county product, but Sam C. Major, of Howard county also a Congressional candidate, tells me "Not so, Spratt is a Howard countain," and that he and W. F. were schoolboys together in the not so long ago. So be it; and now these two vigorous Democrats expect to renew old friendships in Congress in a few months. Glasgow Missouri-an.

July Woman's Home Companion

The July Woman's Home Companion is an extremely interesting number containing splendid stories, several interesting articles, and many helpful suggestions. Kathleen Norris, the well-known writer, has written a story of France after the war entitled "Nineteen-Thirty." There is also Margaret Deland's third article from France "Napoleon and Others," and delightful short stories by Sophie Kerr and Sylvia Chatfield Bates. The amusing novelette, "Oh, Annice," by Alexine Heyland, is concluded in this number, and there is another Jimmie Preston story by Mary Heaton Vorse, which will appeal strongly to everyone who has ever helped with a patriotic bazar.

Among the articles is one on "The Girl of Seventeen" by her mother, and a whimsical vegetarian revel on "Garden Sass," by Laura Hinkley. In the picture section Louis Raemaekers, the famous Dutch cartoonist, has a wonderful drawing "The Stars and Stripes." The fashion department is filled with clever suggestions. Grace Tabor has an encouraging article on midsummer gardening, and the cooking department presents a number of appetizing summer salad recipes.

Mrs. R. M. Taubman went to Kansas City Wednesday to spend the day.

Mrs. R. Pasalic of Miami, Okla., who has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Nelson, left Wednesday for her home.

Miss Elizabeth Fulton who has been a guest of Miss Alice Ryan, returned Wednesday to her home in Odessa.

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CORDER ITEMS.

W. C. Carlton was transacting business in St. Joseph Tuesday. E. H. Morgan was in Kansas City Wednesday.

The Ladies Aid Society met with Mrs. Frank Price Wednesday afternoon. The afternoon was spent in making quilt squares. Refreshments of chocolate ice cream and Angel food cake were served.

E. L. Arbruster was in Kansas City Thursday.

Mrs. Henry Edwards visited in Marshall Thursday and Friday.

Mrs. Fannie Roberts and Mrs. R. A. Roberts spent Tuesday in Blackburn with Mr. and Mrs. John Blakley.

Miss Josephine Holman left Tuesday morning for Kansas City, where she will enter a Business College.

Miss Bertie Lee Jones and Leila Smith spent Friday in Marshall.

Miss Leila Kleinschmidt returned Saturday from a stay in Kansas City.

Walter Heft and wife of Aullville, are visiting here this week.

Miss Celeste Corder returned home Tuesday from an extended visit with her sister in York, Nebr.

Louis Gottenstroetter was in Kansas City Friday and Saturday.

Mrs. Mary Larkin returned Friday from a visit in Kansas City. She was accompanied home by her son, James Paul, who will

spend the summer.

Wm. Lewis was a passenger to Kansas City Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Heft, Miss Mabel Heft and brother, Alford, motored to White's Island Friday and spent the day.

Miss Lorene Cheatham returned home Sunday after a week's visit in the country with Emily Strader.

Mrs. Beard and daughter, Miss Laura, and Oscar Beard visited Clarence Beard at Camp Dodge, Ia., the latter part of the week.

Louis Gottenstroetter, Herman Beuker, Barney Reith and Fred Beuker left Tuesday for Camp Pike, Ark., where they will enter training.

Baseball Sunday.

The Athletic have secured the "Worlds Nations" for the attraction next Sunday. This team is considered one of unusual ability and a good game may be expected. This team carries two pitchers, Carrie Nation and Margarette Pulls.

The admission will be as usual.

Misses Jo and Helen Hensley went to Kansas City this morning to spend the day.

Mrs. Robert Cranston and two children, Robert, Jr., and Mary Frances, left Wednesday for their home in Monroe City, on a visit with her sister, Mrs. A. W. Allen.

Mrs. W. C. Allen of Kansas City, is a guest of her brother, Thomas Fletcher.

Card of Thanks.

We wish to thank our many friends and neighbors for the many kindnesses and sympathy during the long illness and death of our beloved daughter and sister, also for the beautiful floral offerings.

Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Muench and family.

E. B. Campbell went to Kansas City yesterday on business.

Mrs. Mike McDonald has received cards from her sons, John and Mike, announcing their safe arrival over seas. These boys entrained here for Camp Funston on April 13th.

Mrs. Bert Clock returned Trenton Wednesday after a visit here with relatives.

Mrs. Virgil Kelly returned Wednesday from a visit in California, Mo.

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